

WHEREAS, Smaller stars surrounding the Lone Star, which represent the 254 counties of Texas, are grouped by color according to the comparative date of each county's creation; and

WHEREAS, Immediately adjacent to the Lone Star are 37 gold stars, 12 each between its top point and the points to either side, and another 13 between its bottom two points, all in representation of those counties that were created during Texas' period as a republic; and

WHEREAS, Around the Lone Star and the gold stars is a ring of white containing 115 red stars in representation of those counties that were created after statehood but prior to the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, Outside the first ring is another ring, also white, containing along its bottom and left and right sides an arc of 91 blue stars in representation of those counties that were created through the remainder of the 19th century; and

WHEREAS, A shorter arc of 11 green stars, located along the top of the outer ring, represents those counties that have been created more recently, since the beginning of the 20th century; and

WHEREAS, The other half of the flag, to the right of this design, depicts the variable name of the county with the date of its creation and an appropriately colored star; and

WHEREAS, Display of the flag by counties would not be inconsistent with their display of the state sesquicentennial flag as authorized by the Texas 1986 Sesquicentennial Commission; and

WHEREAS, Flying the county flag would further honor the proud history of the state's 254 counties; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 69th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby designate as the official county flag for the Texas sesquicentennial, for counties choosing to adopt and fly it, the design incorporated in the sesquicentennial county flag for Falls County; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the legislature commend Mrs. Joydelle G. Wolfram of Falls County for her excellent design and thank her for her thoughtful contribution to the celebration of 150 years of Texas independence.

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H.C.R. No. 53

WHEREAS, Cecil Middleton alleges that:

(1) he was employed for six years as a property manager for the Texas Department of Water Resources;

(2) he took two weeks off from his job at the department to attend a mandatory naval reserve camp from August 22, 1984, to September 6, 1984; and

(3) he returned on September 2, 1984, and was informed that his employment was terminated effective September 6, 1984, alleging poor job performance; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Texas, That Cecil Middleton is granted permission to sue the State of Texas and the Texas Department of Water Resources for any relief to which he may be entitled as a result of this claim; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That in the event suit is filed, service of citation and other required process be made on the attorney general of the State of Texas and on the executive director of the Texas Department of Water Resources and that the suit be tried as other civil suits; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this permission applies only to a suit filed before the second anniversary of the effective date of this resolution; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That nothing in this resolution may be construed as an admission by the State of Texas, or by any of its employees, agents, departments, agencies, or political subdivisions, of liability or of the truth of any allegation asserted by the claimant, but the alleged cause of action must be proved under the law of this state as in other civil suits; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That nothing in this resolution may be construed as a waiver of any defense, of law or fact, available to the State of Texas or to any of its employees, agents, departments, agencies, or political subdivisions, but every defense is specifically reserved, except the defense of immunity from suit without legislative permission; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That nothing in this resolution affects the state's ability to plead res judicata to any issue; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That nothing in this resolution may be construed as a waiver of the state's sovereign immunity under the Eleventh Amendment to the United States Constitution or as granting permission to sue the state in any federal court.

Smith of Travis

Adopted by the House on April 4, 1985, by a non-record vote; adopted by the Senate on May 2, 1985.

Filed without signature.

Filed: May 20, 1985

H.C.R No. 56

WHEREAS, Lillie Brown is an outstanding citizen of Sanderson who has always been regarded with fond affection and warm admiration by all of the people in her community, and the memorable occasion of her 101st birthday on January 4, 1985, was a day of great celebration for her devoted family and many longtime friends; and

WHEREAS, Lillie Christina Andersen, the daughter of Christian and Adaline Klemme Andersen, was born in 1884 in Bandera County; at the age of 22, she was graduated from Sam Houston Normal School and started teaching in Central Texas; and

WHEREAS, In 1912, she first came to Sanderson, where she taught seventh and eighth grades at Sanderson High School for five years; on March 14, 1917, she became the wife of Allen DeWitt Brown and began her long and happy marriage to this commendable and hardworking gentleman; and

WHEREAS, Throughout their life together, this exemplary Texan shared her husband's love of the ranching industry, and her loyal support and constant encouragement made her an equal partner in the tremendous success of their extensive sheep- and goat-raising operations; and

WHEREAS, The Browns were a modern and progressive couple who always conducted business with an eye to the future; they owned one of the first radios in Terrell County and built a Delco plant to furnish their ranch with electricity, in addition to installing an innovative telephone system in the living room that made local conference calling possible long before this became standard practice; and